

The VRN Bulletin

The VRN's bi-monthly bulletin brings together new policy documents, reports and resources related to serious violence. The bulletin is designed to help decision-makers and professionals across the partnership to put effective practices in place by sharing the latest research and evidence.

Policy Documents

- [HM Government – Serious Violence Strategy](#)

[Read](#)

The Serious Violence Strategy sets out the government's response to serious violence and recent increases in knife crime, gun crime and homicide. The strategy focuses on early intervention and prevention and sets out a range of initiatives, including the creation of the Early Intervention Youth Fund, new National County Lines Co-ordination Centre and a new legal duty to support a multi-agency approach to preventing and tackling serious violence.

- [HM Government – Guidance on Preventing Serious Violence](#)

[Read](#)

This website provides guidance on what a public health approach to violence is and how to implement a multi-agency approach. It also includes a set of principles to help partners work together to prevent serious violence such as collaboration, co-production, cooperation in data and intelligence sharing, counter-

narrative development and community consensus.

- [Home Office – Serious Violence Reduction Orders \(SVROs\)](#)

[Read](#)

Police will be given new, personalised stop and search powers targeted at known knife criminals under plans outlined by the Government. The Home Office has launched a consultation on the design of Serious Violence Reduction Orders (SVROs) so that you can share your views.

Reports

- [Youth Violence Commission – Final Report](#)

[Read](#)

In July 2020 the Youth Violence Commission published a report into the root causes of serious violence affecting young people. The report highlights the drivers of lack of investment in children's early years, exclusion from education, lack of investment in youth services, cuts to policing, the lack of good and well-paid employment, unsafe and unaffordable housing, child poverty and inequality. The report includes a comprehensive list of recommendations.

- [Crest Advisory – Serious Violence in Context](#)

[Read](#)

This report provides an overview of serious violence, examines the scale and nature of the problem, and the state of our existing

knowledge and identifies gaps in our understanding.

By bringing together key data and trends into one place, Crest Advisory hope to add greater context and understanding to the problem.

- [Crest Advisory – Understanding What Is Driving Serious Violence](#)

Read

This is the second in a series of reports investigating the drivers of serious violence in England and Wales in recent years. This report explores how the structures of the drug market have changed, how they are linked to violence and whether public service response to the drugs market have been effective.

- [Tackling Serious Youth Violence through Youth Advocacy Consortium – Serious Youth Violence: Lessons from Research](#)

Read

This report is for young people and anyone who wants to understand what the 'experts' are talking about, where they get their information from, and what it means. It gives you the same information the Government and other authorities use when deciding what to do to about the youth violence issue. This report avoids using jargon, leaving the facts – what works, what doesn't and what's going on behind the scenes with the Council, Social Services and Police.

Resources

- [Early Intervention Foundation's Guidebook](#)

Access the Guidebook

The EIF Guidebook provides information about early intervention programmes that

have been evaluated and shown to improve outcomes for children and young people.

The Guidebook provides a wealth of information about the specific outcomes a programme has been shown to improve, how the programme works, how it is delivered, and the conditions or resources that can make a programme more likely to be effective.

- [Hunch app](#)

Access the App

Hunch is a new early warning app designed by the Metropolitan Police and a creative agency to help communities fight back against knife crime. The mobile app enables people to anonymously tag a location and alert the police and other users that an area is temporarily unsafe.

- [The Ben Kinsella Trust – Resources for Teachers and Practitioners](#)

Access Lesson Plans

On this website you will find a wide range of resources which explore the real, lived experiences of people affected by knife crime. PHSE lesson plans are provided for KS2, KS3 and KS4.

- [The Ben Kinsella Trust – Knife Crime App](#)

Access the App

The Ben Kinsella Trust have released a free quiz app for children and young people to test their understanding of knife crime. Practitioners are encouraged to use the app as a tool to open a conversation about knife crime.

Key Websites

- [British Youth Council @bycLIVE](#)

Visit

The British Youth Council work across the UK and world to empower young people through their programmes, training and

awards. This includes their flagship programmes like the UK Youth Parliament, Youth Select Committee and UK Young Ambassadors; and recognising the work of young people through the Youth on Board Awards.

- [The Centre for Youth Impact @YouthImpactUK](#)



The Centre for Youth Impact is committed to working collaboratively to progress thinking and practice in impact measurement in youth work and provision for young people. Their vision is for all young people to have access to high quality programmes and services that improve their life chances. They aim to work in collaboration with others to test, learn and build momentum behind the impact agenda, across organisations working with young people.

- [UK Youth @UKYouth](#)



UK Youth is a leading national charity committed to ensuring all young people are empowered to build bright futures, regardless of their background or circumstances. They sit at the heart of a national network of 3,536 youth organisations and support 1.5 million young people. Together with their network, they offer support, advice and training to equip young people with the vital life skills needed to engage in education, volunteering and employment.

- [Youth Endowment Fund @YouthEndowFund](#)



The Youth Endowment Fund is a ten-year investment of £200m to fund, support and evaluate programmes and local

partnerships working with 10-14 year olds in England and Wales to find out what works.

